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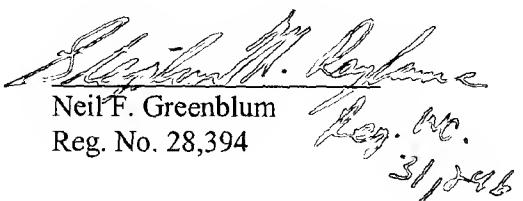
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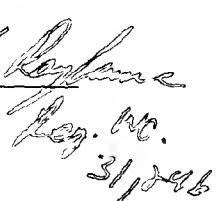
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon German Application No. 100 59 236.8, filed November 29, 2000.

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